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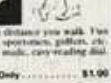

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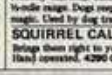

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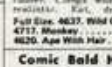

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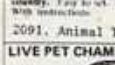

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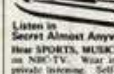

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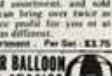

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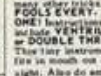

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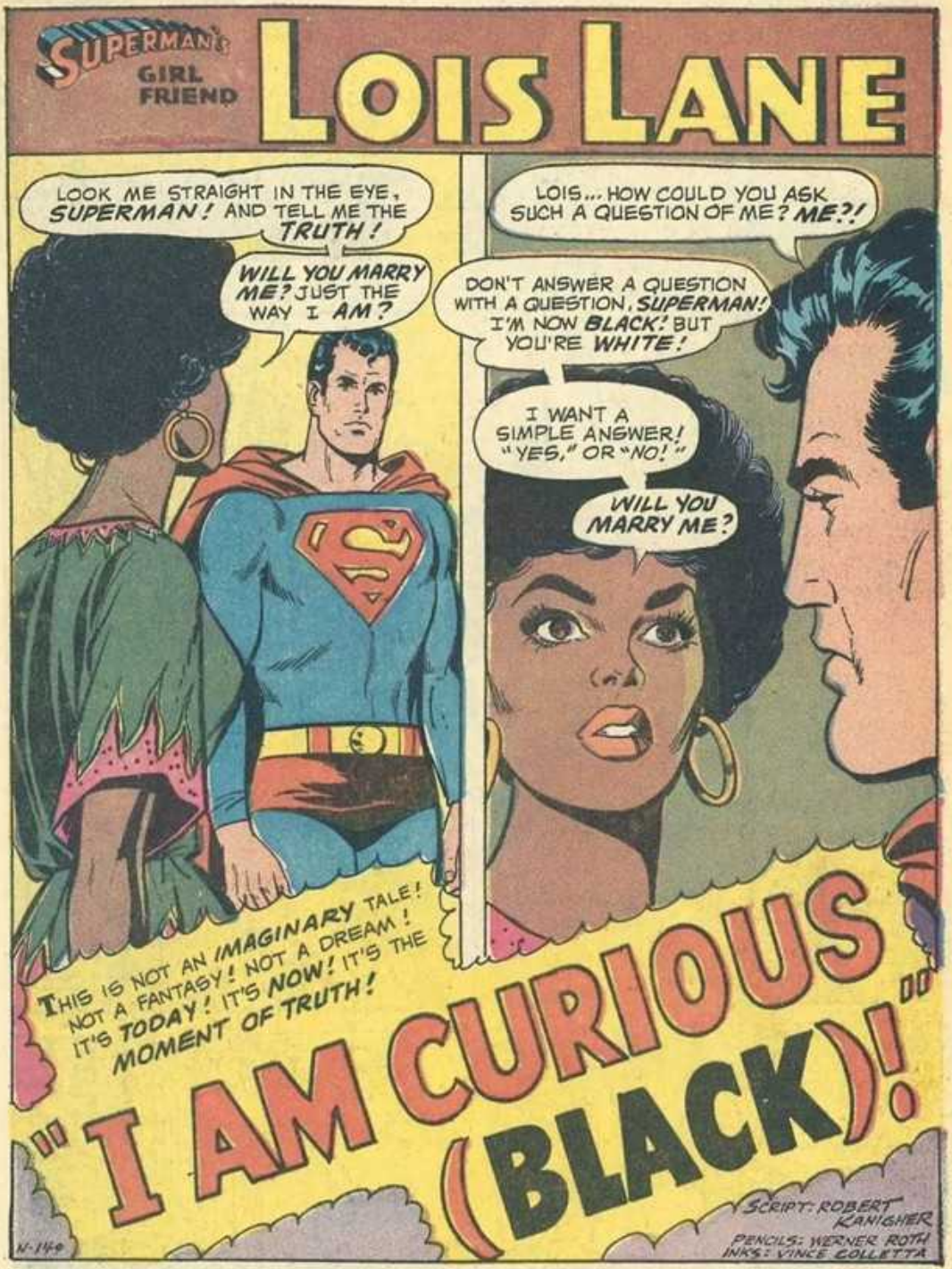
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LOOK ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYE, SUPERMAN! AND TELL ME THE TRUTH!
WILL YOU MARRY ME? JUST THE WAY I AM?
LOIS... HOW COULD YOU ASK SUCH A QUESTION OF ME? ME?!
DON'T ANSWER A QUESTION WITH A QUESTION, SUPERMAN! I'M NOW BLACK! BUT YOU'RE WHITE!
I WANT A SIMPLE ANSWER! "YES," OR "NO!"
WILL YOU MARRY ME?
THIS IS NOT AN IMAGINARY TALE! NOT A FANTASY! NOT A DREAM! IT'S TODAY! IT'S NOW! IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH!
"I AM CURIOUS (BLACK)!"
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I'VE THE ASSIGNMENT OF MY LIFE! TO GET THE INSIDE STORY OF METROPOLIS' LITTLE AFRICA!
I SHOULD GET THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR TELLING IT LIKE IT IS! THE NITTY-GRITTY NO NEWSPAPER EVER PRINTED BEFORE!
GOOD LUCK, LOIS!
JUST THE SAME... I'M GOING TO CHANGE TO SUPERMAN AND KEEP AN EYE ON HER!
OUTSIDE THE NEWSPAPER BUILDING...
TAXI, MISS LANE? BENNY THE BERET AT YOUR SERVICE... AS USUAL!
TAKE ME TO LITTLE AFRICA, BENNY!
SHORTLY, IN METROPOLIS' BLACK COMMUNITY..
WANT ME TO WAIT, MISS LANE?
NO, THANKS, BENNY! I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL BE FINISHED!
HI, KIDS! I'M LOIS LANE, REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET!
I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT SCHOOL! WHA...?
NO... WAIT! I JUST...
THEY'RE TURNING THEIR BACKS ON ME!
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ENTERING A NEARBY SLUM TENEMENT...
IF THE KIDS WON'T TALK TO ME, MAYBE AN ADULT WILL!
KNOCK KNOCK...
GOOD MORNING! I'M...
OHH...!
SLAM!
WHEREVER THE PERPLEXED REPORTER GOES...
HOW CAN I BREAK THROUGH THIS WALL OF SUSPICION?
NO ONE WILL SPEAK TO ME!
THAT MOTHER WHEELED HER BABY AWAY FROM ME AS IF... AS IF I WERE THE PLAGUE!
3

WANDERING LIKE A HOMELESS GHOST...
NICE TO HAVE THE SUN SHININ' ON YOUR FACE!
AT LAST! SOMEONE SPEAKING TO ME!
I'M LOIS LANE, MADAM! A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET! I'D LIKE TO...
POLICE DEPT.
BUS STO
THE FREEZE IS STILL ON! THE ONLY REASON THAT NICE OLD LADY SPOKE TO ME IS BECAUSE SHE'S BLIND!
TAP... TAP... TAP...
WHEN SHE HEARD ME SPEAK... SHE KNEW I WAS WHITE!
CONTINUING ON HER WEARY WAY, LOIS PAUSES AT A STREET MEETING, WHERE...
LOOK AT HER, BROTHERS AND SISTERS! SHE'S YOUNG AND SWEET AND PRETTY!
BUT NEVER FORGET... SHE'S WHITEY!
SHE'LL LET US SHINE HER SHOES AND SWEEP HER FLOORS!
AND BABY-SIT FOR HER KIDS!
BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO LET OUR KIDS INTO HER LILY-WHITE SCHOOLS!
IT'S OKAY WITH HER IF WE LEAVE THESE RAT-INFESTED SLUMS!
IF WE DON'T MOVE NEXT DOOR TO HER!
THAT'S WHY SHE'S OUR ENEMY!
HE'S WRONG ABOUT ME... BUT RIGHT ABOUT SO MANY OTHERS!

AFTER HOURS OF FRUSTRATION ...A DEJECTED LOIS SITS IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK...
CLARK TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR ASSIGNMENT, LOIS! HOW ARE YOU MAKING OUT?
LIKE NOTHING, SUPERMAN! I'VE DRAWN A BLANK! I'LL NEVER GET INSIDE LITTLE AFRICA...
...UNLESS YOU HELP ME!
AFTER LOIS EXPLAINS HER PLAN...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE ME FLY YOU TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! I SHOULD'VE TURNED YOU DOWN COLD!
PLEASE, SUPERMAN!
INSIDE THE ARCTIC FORTRESS...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO STEP INSIDE THE PLASTIMOLD, LOIS?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN I PULL THE SWITCH OF THE TRANSFORMOFLUX PACK?
I DO! I'VE USED THIS MACHINE BEFORE!* GO AHEAD!
*THE PLASTIMOLD MACHINE WAS INVENTED BY DAHR-NEL, A KRYPTONIAN SURGEON, AS TOLD IN LOIS LANE #90. ED.
WHUMMM
LOCKED INSIDE THE TRANSFORMING MOLD... LOIS UNDERGOES A STARTLING CHANGE...
HUMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

THE WEIRD HUMMING CEASES...THE TRANSFORMATION IS COMPLETE!
LOIS... YOU UNDERSTAND YOU'LL BE BLACK FOR A DAY ONLY!
THEN THE CHANGE WILL REVERSE ITSELF AND YOU'LL BE WHITE AGAIN!
I KNOW, SUPERMAN! NOW, FLY ME BACK, PLEASE!
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES!
A LIGHTNING TRIP BACK TO METROPOLIS, AND SOON...
A SUN SHOWER! I DON'T WANT TO RUIN MY BEAUTIFUL AFRO ATTIRE!
THERE'S BENNY THE BERET! HOW LUCKY! HE'LL TAXI ME TO LITTLE AFRICA!
AND I'LL REALLY BE ACCEPTED! LEARN THE INSIDE STORY OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLACK!
WHY...? HE ZOOMED PAST ME, AS IF...AS IF I DON'T EXIST!
SO... THIS IS THE WAY IT IS! THE COLOR OF MY MONEY ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
BENNY GAVE ME MY FIRST LESSON IN THE MEANING OF BLACK!
ENTERING A SUBWAY...
IS EVERYONE REALLY STARING AT ME AS IF I WERE A... A... FREAK? OR IS IT MY IMAGINATION? I FEEL SO CONSPICUOUS!
YET I'M THE SAME PERSON I WAS BEFORE...
ONLY MY SKIN IS BLACK!
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AND THE WEREWOLF
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Quit moping around your coffin! Here's something new! Barnabas the vampire and his creepy buddy the Werewolf. They look . . . yecchhh . . . real! But look out! The arms are soft, cold clammy to the touch . . . and they are flexible! Make up your own eerie position! MORE! MORE! They glow in the dark! Owwwwww! Too much, too real. Get 'em . . . before they get you!
GLOWS IN THE DARK!

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EXITING...
IS THAT WHAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME THESE HUMAN BEINGS RIDE IN A SUBWAY? OR BUS? OR ENTER AN ALL-WHITE SCHOOL?
FROM CHILDHOOD UP, THEY'RE MADE AWARE THAT THEY ARE DIFFERENT!
I'M STILL ON ASSIGNMENT! I HOPE I CAN INTERVIEW SOMEONE NOW!
INSIDE THE GLOOMY INTERIOR...
SMOKE... BACK OF THE STAIRS!
FLAP... FLAP... FLAP...
THE FIRE COULD HAVE STARTED... FROM THIS PILE OF... TRASH!
YOU ALL RIGHT, HONEY? THIS PLACE IS A FIRETRAP! FROM THE STUFF PEOPLE LEAVE HERE!
BECAUSE OUR SLUMLORD CLAIMS HE CAN'T AFFORD A JANITOR ANY MORE TO TAKE AWAY THE GARBAGE!
INVITED INTO THE WOMAN'S FLAT...
HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE! IT'S NICE AND HOT!
HOPE YOU'RE NOT A BILL COLLECTOR! MONEY'S TIGHTER AROUND HERE THAN MY SON LONNY'S BLUEJEANS! AND THEY'RE TIGHTER THAN HIS SKIN!

FALLING PLASTER! YOU GET USED TO THAT WHEN YOU LIVE AROUND HERE! THE FLAT HASN'T BEEN PAINTED SINCE NOAH LANDED IN HIS ARK!
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THAT!
MA...MAA!
IT'S THE BABY!
MAMA-AAA!
HER "PLAYMATE" IS VISITING HER!
WE'VE GOT A "TENANT"! HE DOESN'T PAY ANY RENT! BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP HIM!
I GET NIGHTMARES THINKING ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF EVER THIS BROOM WON'T SCARE HIM BACK TO HIS HOLE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, HONEY! MAMA'S HERE!
I HAVEN'T ASKED WHO YOU ARE, OR WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR! CAN I HELP YOU, SISTER?
SHE LIVES IN MISERY... YET ASKS IF SHE CAN HELP ME!
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SHORTLY, PAUSING AT AN IMPROVISED PRE-KINDERGARTEN...
BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL! WHAT AM I? SAY IT! LOUD AND CLEAR! PROUD!
BLACK!
YOU ARE BLACK! WHAT IS BLACK?
BEAUTIFUL!
I'M DAVE STEVENS! I KNOW IT SOUNDS LIKE A LINE! BUT... YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE!
DID WE EVER MEET SOMEWHERE BEFORE? MAYBE AT ONE OF MY MEETINGS?
I...?... I...!
THOSE KIDS! DROPOUTS! THEY SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL! I'VE GOT AN IDEA WHO THEY'RE GOING TO MEET IN THAT ALLEY!
STAY HERE! THIS IS A MAN'S BUSINESS!
IT'S MY BUSINESS, TOO...AS A REPORTER!

IN THE ALLEY...
YOU RATS! TEACHING OUR KIDS TO STEAL, SO THEY CAN BUY YOUR POISON!
HANGING'S TOO GOOD FOR YOU!
MUST BE PLAIN-CLOTHES FUZZ! DROP 'IM!
K-POWW
POWW
OHH, NO... NO!
SUDDENLY, LIKE A STREAK OF BLUE LIGHTNING...
OWW! FEEL THAT HEAT COMIN' FROM HIS EYES!
OHH! LIKE A BLAST FURNACE! MELTIN' OUR GUNS TO TAFFY!
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SUPERMAN'S FISTS ERUPT LIKE TWIN VOLCANOES...
HE WAS S-SHOT! TRYING TO HELP KIDS ...WHO RAN AWAY WH-WHEN THE SHOOTING STARTED!
I'LL PUT THESE HOODS ON ICE UNTIL THE POLICE COME! THE SHOTS WILL BRING THEM HERE...SOON!
WHRUUUUM..
OH, SUPERMAN! HE'S SO...SO STILL!
THERE'S A HOSPITAL NEARBY! THEY'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM!
MOMENTS LATER... IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM...
GET HIS BLOOD TYPED, NURSE! RIGHT AWAY! HE'S FADING!
YES, DOCTOR!
TENSE MINUTES TICK BY LIKE SPURTING HEARTBEATS...
HIS BLOOD TYPE'S O-NEGATIVE!
HE NEEDS A BLOOD TRANSFUSION! IMMEDIATELY!
WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS FOR ALL TYPES!
I CAN'T HELP! EVEN IF I WERE THAT TYPE... NO NEEDLE COULD PENETRATE MY SKIN!
I--I'M O-NEGATIVE! JUST LIKE HIM!

THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE OF LIFE AGAINST DEATH BEGINS AS DARKNESS FALLS...
OPEN AND CLOSE YOUR FIST SLOWLY... SLOWLY...TILL I TELL YOU TO STOP!
YES, DOCTOR!
WITH EACH PULSE OF LOIS' HEART, HER BLOOD SURGES TOWARD THE VICTIM OF VIOLENCE...
HE PUT HIS LIFE ON THE LINE... TO HELP OTHERS! PLEASE...PLEASE DON'T LET HIM DIE!
HE'S NEEDED! LET HIM OPEN HIS EYES! PLEASE! ...PLEASE!
HIS EYES ARE OPEN! HE'S LOOKING AT ME!
I JUST KNOW HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW! THANK GOD!
HALF AN HOUR LATER, LOIS CONFRONTS SUPERMAN...
LOOK ME STRAIGHT IN THE EYE! AND TELL ME THE TRUTH! DO YOU LOVE ME?
WAITING ROOM
SUPPOSE I COULDN'T CHANGE BACK? WOULD YOU MARRY ME? EVEN IF I'M BLACK? AN OUTSIDER IN A WHITE MAN'S WORLD?
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YOU ASK THAT OF ME...SUPERMAN? AN ALIEN FROM KRYPTON...ANOTHER PLANET? A UNIVERSAL OUTSIDER?
I DON'T EVEN HAVE HUMAN SKIN! IT'S TOUGHER THAN STEEL!
BUT...YOUR SKIN IS THE RIGHT COLOR!
YOU KNOW I COULDN'T RISK PLACING YOU IN DEADLY DANGER FROM MY FOES! THEY'D TRY TO HURT ME BY KILLING YOU!
I'VE HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE, SUPERMAN! DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO PLAY THE SAME "BROKEN RECORD", WHEN I MENTION MARRIAGE? LISTEN...
BUT BEFORE LOIS CAN SAY ANOTHER WORD...
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I...I FEEL STRANGE!
AS IF...AS IF I WERE SHEDDING MY SKIN!
SUPERMAN! ...LOOK!
YES, LOIS! YOU'RE WHITE AGAIN! THE EFFECT DIDN'T LAST AS LONG AS I EXPECTED!
THE PATIENT HAS BEEN ASKING FOR YOU, MISS! WHAT...?
YES, NURSE! IT'S ME!
HE CALLED ME WHITEY! HIS ENEMY! WH-WHAT WILL HE SAY NOW?
YOU MUST SEE HIM, LOIS, OR YOU'LL NEVER FIND OUT!
IF HE STILL HATES YOU... WITH YOUR BLOOD IN HIS VEINS... THERE MAY NEVER BE PEACE IN THIS WORLD!

Dear Editor:

#102 was great! Congratulations! Every facet of the July LOIS LANE was superb. The cover was magnificent and then some. I'm glad you didn't spoil it with background. It was all a comic cover can be. Raw emotion was spitting out of it.

The cover story was good art-wise and story-wise. But in the future, try to play down Superman a little. After all, it is Lois' magazine.

The reprint story was good, too. I like the old Lois stories you include, but don't have one every issue. That's what the Giants are for.

I didn't catch any mistakes in the whole mag except two, on page 14, panel 4, where Superman's belt and his whole emblem are colored red. And that isn't really important. This was one good issue!

Keith Griffin, Mobile, Ala.

(Now that Rose and the Thorn share the magazine, you can bet you'll see a lot fewer reprints. You like?—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Considering the fact that I've only been a DC reader for less than two years, I'm amazed at the wide variety of subjects I've seen your writers handle. They told of romance, death, infinity, comedy, space travel, aliens, supernatural encounters, insanity, emotional breakdowns, plain old-fashioned murder mysteries, war and peace, and dealings in the occult.

LOIS LANE #102 presented part one of a classic which should be remembered along with DETECTIVE 395 and FLASH 194.

Actually, having Lois fall for the Devil himself was a plot that would've been right up my alley. I often think of such ideas. I'm wondering how Lois will survive. I guess the next issue will tell me the answer.

Dallas Marshall, Clearwater, Neb.

(We'll keep giving you a wide range of stories. Last issue, we had a crime tale to introduce the Thorn. This issue, we're exploring race relations. Next issue features a tale of weird science—"The Snow-Woman Wept." And there are several other plots in the works, including at least two eerie ghost stories.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

"The Crybaby of Metropolis" was not only a good example of how the Superman legend has changed in the past eleven years; it also showed how many of your characters have changed, especially Lois. Take a look at those fashions she's wearing. She wouldn't be caught dead in them now! And that purple suit she wears on pages 2 and 3. In all the old Lois stories, she wore that (or a similar) suit. Then there was the "bobby-soxer" Lois on page 5, doing an old rock-'n'-roll dance.

As for the "mistake," I completely missed the vision reference. Since I have the original, I thought the mistake would be something else, but the passage I was expecting was changed. On page 8, in the original, it was Lana's *sister,* not a friend, who was visiting her! How about that! By the way, I spotted a mistake I didn't catch the first time around: On page 7, when Superman opens the safe, Lois is wearing a dress. In the next panel, she's wearing only a diaper and a ribbon. What happened to the dress? Did it disappear? Or maybe Lois just wanted to be the first to wear a topless bathing suit, hmm?

Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(Or maybe, since you knew the story, you didn't read it carefully this time. So you missed the fact that we covered this goof, as we did Lana's non-existent sister. We had Lois thinking: "And I'm so small I stepped right out of my dress!"—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Being the son of a mathematical genius myself, I found an error in LOIS LANE #102. Superman computed that a bean weighed 1/20 of an ounce. He allowed 2 pounds for the jar, which made 20 X 16 X 10, or 32,000 beans. I am sorry to say that 20 X 16 X 10 equals 3,200, NOT 32,000. In the future, I hope Superman will visit my school for help from the super-mathematical genius.

David C. McClatchey, Jr., Waldwick, N.J.

(Better yet, we'll get a writer who knows beans.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

Not that the cover of LL #102 was badly drawn, but I wasn't impressed by it because the story in #99 and 100 dealt with Lois "killing" Lana, and now Superman "kills" Lois. Will #105 show Superman dead? Although there is another continued story to contend with, I won't mind the wait much because the story is fabulous. However, what happened to Lois' tail and horns on page 16?

Gerard Triano, Elmont, N.Y.

(The tail was hidden by her skirt, the horns by her hair. —Ed.)

Dear Editor:

If Superman married Lois in his Clark Kent identity, then Lana Lang would believe that she would have Supie all to herself. If he married Lois as Superman, there is always his fear that his enemies would harm her. Giving Lois super-powers I don't think would be a good idea. I don't want you to give anything away; however, it will be interesting to see what happens in future issues.

Randall Way, Los Angeles, Calif.

(We won't give anything away—except the address for all comments: LETTERS TO LOIS AND ROSE, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.—Ed.)

Wonder Women of History

FROM: WONDER WOMAN NO. 53 (MAY-JUNE, 1952)

MARTHA G. KIMBALL
(1840—1884)

HEROISM ON THE BATTLEFIELD ISN'T MARKED ONLY BY BRAVERY IN ACTION... GALLANT DEEDS ARE ALSO PERFORMED BEHIND THE FRONT LINES... AS IN THE CASE OF MARTHA G. KIMBALL— CIVIL WAR NURSE!

DURING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES, MARTHA KIMBALL ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND TO THE SOUTH, WHERE HE APPRAISED CAPTURED "REBEL" COTTON...

IF THERE WAS ONLY SOMETHING I COULD DO TO HELP THE WAR EFFORT...

THE REAL TRAGEDY OF WAR IS THAT IT CAUSES SO MUCH HUMAN SUFFERING! PERHAPS I CAN TEND TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS...

SECURING PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY GENERAL SHERMAN'S ARMY ON ITS FAMOUS MARCH THROUGH GEORGIA, MARTHA PERFORMED NOBLY AS A NURSE TO THE WOUNDED MEN...

IN RECOGNITION OF HER VALUABLE SERVICES, SHE WAS APPOINTED INSPECTOR OF HOSPITALS...

ON ONE OCCASION, WHILE TALKING WITH GENERAL SHERMAN, A SUDDEN INSPIRATION STRUCK MARTHA...

WHY CAN'T ONE DAY EACH YEAR BE SET APART IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAD SOLDIERS...
A VERY WORTHWHILE SUGGESTION, MRS. KIMBALL! I'LL PUT IT INTO PRACTICE AT ONCE!

FOR HER CHARITABLE IMPULSES... FOR HER EFFORTS TO RELIEVE THE SORES OF HUMANITY... FOR INAUGURATING MEMORIAL DAY... MARTHA KIMBALL WINS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING LISTED IN OUR HONOR ROLE OF

WONDER WOMEN OF HISTORY

Diana Prince

(WONDER WOMAN)

IN THE SWIRLING SHADOWS OUTSIDE THE RIVERVIEW FUNERAL CHAPEL, A BROODING FIGURE STARES AT HER OWN COFFIN!
SOLID GOLD COFFIN DONATED BY THE 100 -- FOR THE THORN!
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ROSE and the THORN
EDITOR: E.NELSON BRIDWELL
WRITER: BOB KANIGHER
ARTISTS ROSS ANDRU & MIKE ESPOSITO
"WHERE DO YOU PLANT A THORN?"
SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE SINISTER SILENCE...
THE GUY WHO GAVE US THE "CONTRACT" TO "HIT" THE THORN KNEW WOMEN! HE SAID HER CURIOSITY WOULD BRING HER HERE!
THE 100'LL GIVE US A SPECIAL BONUS FOR DROPPIN' THIS WILD-CAT IN FRONT OF HER COFFIN! HA! HA! HA!
BUT, WITH A SAVAGE SPRING, THE FLORAL FURY TURNS THE TABLES!
CRASH
THIS CRAZY CHICK'S GOT EYES IN THE BACK OF HER HEAD! BLAST 'ER! QUIIIII --
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PATROLING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, DETECTIVE DANNY STONE IS DRAWN TO THE FRAY....
I GET THE PICTURE, THORN! THESE ARE THE 100'S HIRED KILLERS!
BUT DROP HIM...WHILE HE'S STILL BREATHING! WHAT ARE YOU? WOMAN? OR DEVIL?
POW POW POW
LETTING HER ASSAILANT SLUMP, THE THORN'S MIND WHIRLS WITH BEWILDERING THOUGHTS...
WHAT AM I DOING? WHY DO I FEEL LIKE A HURRICANE IS EXPLODING IN MY BRAIN?
AS SHE VANISHES INTO THE SHADOWS, MEMORY FLASHES BACK TO A HAUNTING GRAVEYARD SCENE...
I'LL AVENGE YOUR MURDER, FATHER! I'LL ROAM THE NIGHT UNTIL I TRACK DOWN THE 100! ONE BY ONE! OR DIE TRYING!
THE DRIVEN THORN RETURNS TO AN ABANDONED BROWNSTONE HOUSING A DESERTED COSTUME SHOP...
...AND LIKE A SLEEPWALKER...PASSES THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGEWAY...
...WHERE SHE DISROBES...
...TO THE APARTMENT SHE SHARED WITH HER MURDERED FATHER, DETECTIVE PHIL FORREST... AND RESUMES HER SPLIT-PERSONALITY -- ROSE!
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THE NEXT DAY, UNAWARE OF HER DUAL IDENTITY, ROSE GOES TO WORK AS SECRETARY TO VINCE ADAMS, OWNER OF RIVERVIEW... AT THE REPLACED SHOW WINDOW...
HOW COULD YOU ACCEPT THIS AWFUL ORDER FROM THE IOO, VINCE?
I COULDN'T REFUSE THEIR $25,000 CHECK FOR A SOLID GOLD COFFIN, ROSE!
NOT WHEN I GAVE THE WHOLE AMOUNT TO UNITED METROPOLIS' CHARITIES!
BESIDES, THE IOO WILL NEVER NAIL THE THORN! SHE COMES AND GOES LIKE A SHADOW!
I...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!
OHH-- THERE'S DANNY STONE, MY DAD'S PARTNER!
I'M OFF TONIGHT, ROSE! THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME!
I'D LOVE TO, DANNY! BUT I PROMISED TO GO WITH MR. ADAMS!
BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, DETECTIVE STONE!
I HAVE TO MAKE A STOP FIRST AT MISTER ORCHID! HE SUPPLIES ALL THE FLOWERS FOR THE CHAPEL!
SHORTLY... AT THE FLOWER MART...
HERE'S AN ORCHID FOR YOUR DATE WITH MR. ADAMS! LOOK AROUND WHILE I DISCUSS A LITTLE BUSINESS WITH HIM IN MY OFFICE!
THANK YOU, MR. ORCHID!
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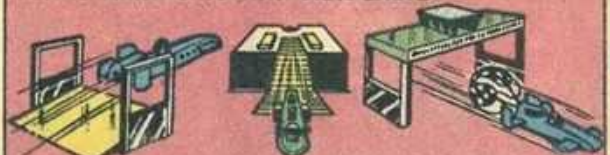

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10 INDIVIDUAL RACERS
COMPLETE WITH POWER T-STICK
READY TO RACE!

AVAILABLE WHEREVER TOYS ARE SOLD

IN THE FLORIST'S OFFICE...
THE ORGANIZATION'S GIVING YOU THE CONTRACT TO HIT THE THORN!
WE WON'T FAIL, MR. ADAMS! NOT LIKE THE TWO PIGEONS SHE SENT TO JAIL!
DETECTIVE DANNY STONE'S YOUR CONTRACT! THE 100 WANTS HIM HIT HARD!
WE'LL GET HIM, MISTER ORCHID!
YOU SEND THE FLOWERS WHEN MR. ADAMS GIVES HIM A HERO'S FUNERAL... FREE OF CHARGE... LIKE HE GAVE HIS PARTNER, FORREST!
LET YOUR GUN DO THE TALKING, LOUD-MOUTH! OR THE 100'LL SEND YOU TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER! IN A CONCRETE SACK!
S-SURE-- M-MISTER ORCHID! I D-DIDN'T MEAN NOTHIN'!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN BUSINESS, MISTER ORCHID!
YOU SUPPLY THE FUNERALS! AND I'LL FURNISH THE FLOWERS! CUT-RATE! AFTER ALL--WE'RE BOTH IN THE ORGANIZATION!
LATER, AT THE PIRATE'S DEN DISCOTHÈQUE...
DANNY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
PICKING UP ONE OF THE 100'S BOYS! CAUGHT HIM PASSING PHONEY BILLS!
GOOD WORK, DETECTIVE!
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TWO DAYS LATER...AFTER DANNY PHONES ROSE...
DETECTIVE DANNY STONE! MY TARGET! AND MY HOODS AREN'T HERE!
I'D LIKE SOME FLOWERS FOR A PRETTY GIRL! ROSES!
SOME BEAUTIES JUST ARRIVED! I'LL BOX THEM... IN THE BACK!
UNSEEN, IN THE BACK ROOM...
IF HE TOUCHES THE LONG STEMS ON THESE ROSES, THE POISON I'M SPRAYING ON THE THORNS -- WILL KILL HIM IN SECONDS!
IF HIS GIRL GETS THE POISON, HE'LL COME BACK HERE TO INVESTIGATE... AND WALK INTO A TRAP!
FSSSS
FLOWERS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS! YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE ONE, TOO! COMPLIMENTS OF MISTER ORCHID!
THANKS!
SHORTLY, IN ROSE'S APARTMENT...
RRRING
ROSES! HOW SWEET OF YOU, DANNY!
OHH -- THE PHONE! WOULD YOU MIND ANSWERING IT!
IT'S H.Q.! I LEFT YOUR NUMBER! THEY WANT ME TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECT IN THE POLICE LINEUP!
I'LL WAIT HERE FOR YOU! MEANWHILE, I'LL GET A VASE FROM THE KITCHEN FOR YOUR LOVELY FLOWERS, DANNY!
LEFT ALONE...THE CURIOUS FRENCH POODLE TOYS WITH THE FLOWERS...
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ON SALE SEPT. 24th

SHORTLY...
OHHHH, NO... NO!
THE ANGUISHED ROSE CALLS POLICE H.Q....
D-DANNY?... MY P-POOR DOG!...D-DEAD ...AFTER CHEWING TH-THE FLOWERS!
DON'T TOUCH A THING! I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!
MINUTES LATER...
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOG, ROSE...AND HAVE THE FLOWERS CHECKED AT THE POLICE LAB!
POOR MARIE! ...SHE NEVER HARMED A FLY!
TRY TO SLEEP! I'LL RING YOU IN THE MORNING!
SLEEP FILTERS THROUGH ROSE'S TEAR-DRENCHED EYELIDS...
FIRST FATHER... THEN...MA...RIE...
ONLY IN DEEPEST SLEEP...ROSE'S ID-HER UNCONSCIOUS SELF-DRIVES HER INTO ACTING OUT HER VOW OF VENGEANCE AGAINST HER FATHER'S MURDERERS, THE 100 AS--THE THORN!
THEY NEARLY GOT THE THORN...WITH THORNS! BUT I'LL BET DANNY WAS THE REAL TARGET!

AT THE TREACHEROUS MISTER ORCHID'S, LATER...
THE THORNS ON THE STEMS OF THOSE ROSES YOU SOLD ME WERE COATED WITH A DEADLY POISON!
IF MY GIRL'S DOG HADN'T CHEWED THEM--AND DIED--ONE, OR BOTH OF US MIGHT HAVE BEEN POISONED, TOO!
RING
IMPOSSIBLE! I DON'T-- JUST A MINUTE! THE PHONE!
I'M INNOCENT, DETECTIVE STONE! THAT POISON MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT FOR ME!
HELLO? HELLO? YES...YOU DID--? ARE YOU SURE? JUST A MINUTE!
IT'S THE TRUCKER WHO SOLD ME THOSE ROSES! I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!
HE'S GOT GARDENIAS! AT CUT RATES! HE'S AROUND THE CORNER!
CAN'T STALL HIM! HE'D GET SUSPICIOUS! TELL HIM YOU'RE BUYING!
HELLO? I JUST HAD TO TAKE CARE OF A CUSTOMER! I'M INTERESTED IN THE GARDENIAS!
DELIVER THEM TO THE GREEN-HOUSE IN BACK! YES-- I'LL HAVE YOUR MONEY READY! 'BYE!
THE DETECTIVE KEEPS TENSE VIGIL IN THE GREENHOUSE...
MISTER ORCHID? READY WITH THE CASH?
SUDDENLY...
WE WASTED A LOTTA TIME, CRUISIN' THE TOWN LIKE PHONEY FLOWER TRUCKERS, LOOKIN' FOR OUR PIGEON!
AN' HE FLEW INTO OUR HANDS... ALL BY HIMSELF! THANKS TO ORCHID!
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SUDDENLY, DROPPING BETWEEN THE KILLERS AND THEIR PREY LIKE A WILD-EYED WRAITH...
WE'LL SHIP THIS "CONTRACT" TO THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER!
HUH? THE THORN!
HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO COLLECT DOUBLE! PRUNE THE THORN WITH SLUGS!
POW
WHIRLING ON THE GUNMEN LIKE A HUMAN STORM CLOUD...
THE DYNAMIC DRYAD'S HEART SOFTENS...
IF YOU ONLY KNEW... HOW LONELY IT IS... TO BE A THORN...!
DRIVEN BY HER INNER STORM, THE THORN VANISHES INTO THE NIGHT, AS...
IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT BLASTED THORN--YOU'D NEVER'VE NAILED US!
I OWE MY LIFE TO A BEAUTY WITHOUT A HEART! I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER MEET AGAIN?
THE END.
DON'T MISS THE NEXT SEARING EPISODE OF THE GENTLE ROSE-- AND THE UNTAMED THORN, IN THE JANUARY ISSUE OF
LOIS LANE!

WOMEN of DISTINCTION

FOR HER HELPFUL ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, THE ***SIX NATIONS TRIBE*** IN 1891 MADE ***MRS. HARRIET MAXWELL CONVERSE*** A TRIBAL CHIEF, THE FIRST WHITE WOMAN TO BE SO HONORED...

ON OCTOBER 23, 1910, ***BLANCHE STUART SCOTT*** FLEW AN AIRPLANE ACROSS A FIELD IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA--AND THEREBY BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO MAKE A SOLO FLIGHT...

ARGONIA, A SMALL TOWN IN KANSAS, IS CREDITED WITH HAVING THE FIRST WOMAN MAYOR IN AMERICA. 27-YEAR OLD ***SUSANNA SALTER*** WON THE 1877 MAYORALTY ELECTION BY A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY VOTE...

BECAUSE OF FAMILY FINANCIAL REVERSES, ***HANNAH ADAMS*** DECIDED AT THE AGE OF 17 TO TURN TO WRITING AS A MEANS OF EARNING A LIVELIHOOD -- THUS BECOMING AMERICA'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL WOMAN AUTHOR...

DIRECT CURRENTS

All right, readers—you asked for it, so it's back—the feature that tells you what's coming in the **DC** line—**DIRECT CURRENTS!** And as before, it's brought to you by **E. Nelson Bridwell** (the **Big E.**). So what's new in the world's most exciting comics? So much I'm bursting to tell you the whole thing...for example...

Editor **Joe Kubert** tells me **Russ Heath** has turned in another great **Easy Company** job for **OUR ARMY AT WAR.** This is the **November** issue, **#225**, featuring **Sgt. Rock** and some new **Easy** recruits who contrast the battlefront with the home front, and come to the conclusion that it takes **both** to fight a war. On sale Sept. 1.

SON OF TOMAHAWK—that's **DC's** great, new Western feature. Set in the early 19th century, it features the famed **Revolutionary War** hero in his later life, after he marries an Indian girl and they have two sons. One boy is a youth with an attraction for trouble; the other is his 10-year-old kid brother. Don't miss this **December** issue (**#131**), on sale Sept. 1

Are you one of those unfortunates who missed the tale of how **WONDER WOMAN** lost her powers and began a new life as plain(?) **Diana Prince?** There must be a lot of you, because you've been deluging **Big Mike Sekowsky** with pleas to repeat the tale. So he's given in, and you'll see it in the **December** ish, **#191**, which hits the stands Sept. 1. (And if you've read that one already, don't miss the NEW material in this number!)

When you fight for justice on the high seas, you're bound to run into a "Crime Wave"—which is exactly what happens to **AQUAMAN** in his wildest adventure yet. It's a Gothic mystery...a Crime tale...a weird fantasy...and even a Western—all rolled into one! How can all these plots be put together? To find out, you'll have to read this tale in the **December** issue (**#54**), on sale Sept. 3

Say, did you know **Carmine Infantino's** done some new art for DC? Don't take my word for it—see his great cover for **THE FLASH #201 (November).** Inked by **Murphy Anderson,** this one illustrates a story of a "Million Dollar Dream" that's shattered by the **Fastest Man Alive!** Yes, the basketball player with the dream is crippled, and the **Flash** is to blame! Also—a **Golden Age Flash** tale, pitting the original **Speed King** against his old foe, the **Fiddler!** On sale Sept. 3.

Ever hear of a "Man with Ten Eyes"? That's who's after the **BATMAN** in his **November** issue, **#226.** Our new "villain" has been blinded—**and he puts** the blame on the **Masked Manhunter!** So this war veteran—who, thanks to a fantastic new discovery, now has five times the vision of a normal man—sets out on a trail of vengeance. **On sale** Sept. 3.

Neal Adams has done it again with his eerie cover for the **December HOUSE OF MYSTERY** (**#189**). As if that weren't enough, catch **Bob Kanigher's** chilling tale, "Eyes of the Cat," with art by **Grandenetti** and **Wood.** It's a real weirdie about a killer and a very unusual feline! Also, **Jack Oleck's** "The Thing in the Chair," graced by **Tom Sutton's** art. Of course, you won't want to miss the **Page 13** feature. This one's on sale Sept. 8.

Johnny Cloud...Captain Storm...Gunner and Sarge! These are the **Losers,** who, even when they seem to win, wind up with the fuzzy end of the lollipop. In **OUR FIGHTING FORCES #128 (December),** they star in an epic called "Angel Over Hell's Corner," a tale of love between a British pilot and a nurse, against the explosive background of **World War II.** If you dig emotion and action, you'll get it the minute it comes out, on Sept. 8.

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The big change hits **WORLD'S FINEST** with the **November** issue (**#198**). Instead of the **Batman, Superman** teams up with the **Flash** this time... for a race to end all races! Who starts them on this marathon that leads right out of our galaxy? You'll be surprised! And you'll also see **Jimmy Olsen** in one of the tightest spots he's ever tumbled into. All this and more...so get it on Sept. 10!

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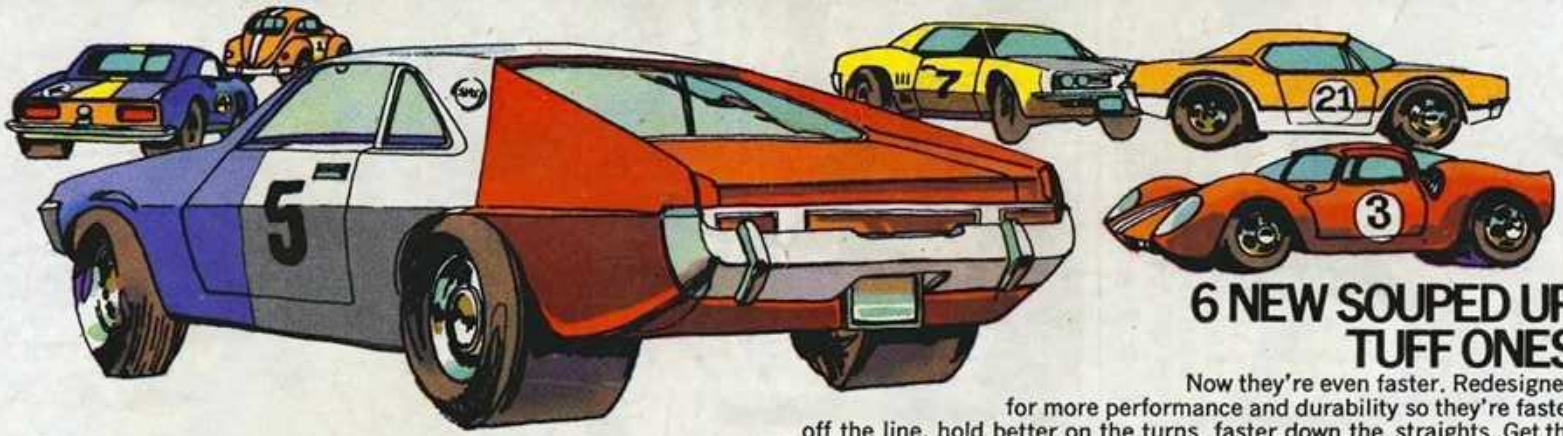

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